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In re Application of

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Sirringhaus, et al.

Application No.: 10/758,256

ON PETITION

Filed: January 16, 2004

Attorney Docket No.: O79460

This a decision on the petition filed June 23, 2004. The petition will be treated under 37 CFR 1.182 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(e)(2).

The petition is granted.

The subject non-provisional application was filed on January 16, 2004. On April 23, 2004, the Initial Patent Examination Division mailed a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application indicating that the application had not been accorded a filing date because the drawings were missing. The notice allowed a two-month period for reply. The instant petition was filed on June 23, 2004 and was accompanied by the omitted drawings.

Petitioner concedes that the drawings were not present on filing, however; petitioner argues that the application was complete on filing and entitled to a filing date of January 16, 2004, because application 10/758, 256 incorporated by reference application 10/018,425.

In view of the incorporation by reference statement found in the specification, the application will be accorded a filing date of January 16, 2004. The examiner assigned to this application will be expected to compare the drawings filed with the instant petition with the drawings contained in application 10/018,425 to be sure they do not contain new matter.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of January 16, 2003.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0010.

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